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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Christine Blue on her retirement as the Health Director for the Park Forest Health Department; and

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WHEREAS, For 16 years she has helped make the department a vital part of the community; she retired at the end of 2009; and

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WHEREAS, She began her career in the medical field at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey and moved on to the maximum-security Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet, where she was in charge of the health care unit for about 2,000 inmates, a unit that included a 32-bed infirmary; Stateville was the first prison in the country to get its hospital accredited, all under the eyes of Christine Blue; and

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WHEREAS, She became the director of the Park Forest Health Department in January of 1994; during her tenure, she helped develop such programs as the two-year "CHIPS" program, targeting minority groups; a yearlong diabetes workshop in 2007; a "10-ton weight-reduction challenge" in 2009; Access to Care, a program that seeks to aid those not eligible for public aid but who are without health insurance; and the Place Matters

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1 Initiative, which looks for health programs that work in areas
2 such as infant mortality, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer;
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4 WHEREAS, She has also served as a health policy consultant
5 to local elected officials and south suburban members of the
6 General Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, Christine Blue who has two sons, Robert and
8 Michael, and seven grandchildren; is a 40-year resident of Park
9 Forest, still wishes to remain active in community life; is a
10 former president of the Rotary Club, and plans to work with
11 community groups such as the Illinois Theatre Center and the
12 Tall Grass Arts Association; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate Christine Blue on her retirement and wish her
16 continued success in all future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Christine Blue as a symbol of our respect and
19 esteem.